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**EDITORIAL**

## SHORT WAVE LISTENERS' GROUPS

It was gratifying that the Federal President was able to report to the recent Federal Convention that "Short Wave Listeners' Groups are flourishing and many young potentials are becoming interested in this way which, when all is said and done, is the way most of us started out in Amateur Radio ourselves."

There is no doubt that any positive action we can take to interest young people in radio is a step in the right direction and it is hoped that the Councils of all Divisions will do everything possible to develop and encourage Short Wave Listeners' Groups, so that our numbers will be increased by a steady flow of fully licensed Amateurs, who have already gained valuable knowledge of our bands by consistent listening to our methods of procedure and practice.

This section in each Division should be under the charge of some of our most experienced members, as it provides the Institute with a splendid opportunity to commence basic training with the ultimate in mind that these young enthusiasts will join W.I.A. training classes and eventually secure their A.O.C.P. with admission to our ranks as full members.

If this step is too severe, such people would be able to graduate to a standard such as is covered by the Novice License for which they could be more easily trained.

The advent of the Russian satellite has given us another opportunity to show how Amateur Listeners can be of service to the community and if we had strong well organised Short Wave Listeners' Groups in each State of the Commonwealth we would no doubt find many opportunities to continue this work and engage in worthwhile plotting and ionospheric experiments.

Anyone with an interest in National affairs will be able to support the many well informed scientists in this country and overseas who stress the importance of each country having large numbers of trained radio, radar and technical people, and we are sure that the Wireless Institute of Australia can assist the authorities in a real and worthwhile manner by training and encouraging all who desire to further their studies in scientific and technical matters.

The Federal Council trusts that all Divisions will place this matter in the forefront of their interests and would be pleased to know that strong, active groups are flourishing in all Divisions of the W.I.A.

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# Using Modern Valves in the Type 3 Receiver

BY N. R. BOASE,\* VK3NI

THE A.O.C.P. was obtained in 1939, and before operation commenced there was a war on. It is perhaps not surprising then, that the first rig, when the time came, was a Type 3. In fact, it is the only rig the author has ever had much to do with. Experience is thus somewhat limited, and the first feelings when trouble appears are of distaste and dismay. And that is how it was that time when the receiver performance suddenly fell off to practically nil, and the v.c., so far as it worked at all, worked backwards.

The eight pin positions were marked on this circle. The soldering iron was applied to a length of heavy busbar about 1" from the end. The end of the heated busbar pushed easily through the perspex to stick out the other side and form a pin for the adaptor. A miniature base was fitted to the other side of the perspex, supported only by the busbars soldered to its lugs, and an adaptor was obtained.

Care had to be taken in plugging it in—it had no key, only a mark where the key should have been.

Eventually it was noticed that V2A had a very much lower screen voltage than V2B. These are both 7R7s, and an examination of the circuit disclosed no reason why screen voltages should differ. The tubes were swapped and now V2B had the lower screen voltage. Obviously one of the 7R7s was drawing excessive screen current and had reached the end of its useful life. Which one to replace? Base V2A was the easier to get at, so it was chosen.

Now the 7R7 is a duo-diode-pentode. But V2A needs only to be a pentode. The reason for using a 7R7 was, of course, that the number of spares needed was thereby reduced. There seemed no point in using such a tube now, so replaced it with a remote cut-off pentode, a 6BA6.

It was now a really excellent little receiver, better than new, with just one bug—VIB went into oscillation just under full volume. It was assumed this was not due to wiring faults, but simply to inter-electrode capacitances and high-gain conditions. Different values were tried for neutralising condenser C14. It might have been possible to clear up the trouble this way, but with the range of capacitance available at the time it either (a) didn't clear it up, or (b) brought about a too-heavy reduction of gain. Eventually it was silenced with an un-bypassed resistor of 1K in the cathode. While stopping the racket, this did not seem to affect gain materially. The absence of C14 during these experiments did not seem to have any affect at all so was left out. Also, the recommended cathode resistor to V2A was not fitted, and it isn't there still!

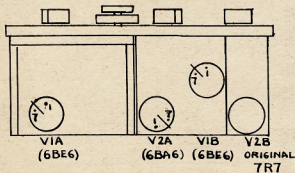


Fig. 1.—Location of gaps between pins one and seven.

This receiver is a very straightforward job when one gets to know it. Over recent months the writer has got to know it—it was do so or write her off. But at the start of this story it was a mysterious box full of valves, wires, etc.

Volume control on the Type 3 is by bias variation. The power supply delivers —12½v. to the volume control and the grids of the first three valves are returned to the sliding contact. The power supply was checked. In fact delivering its —12½v., and followed this into the set and found that the volume control was OK and duly delivering negative bias at its sliding contact.

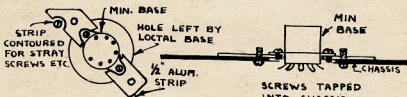
This bias could not be traced through to the actual grids, as the meter draws appreciable current and high impedance filters lay along the path. For the moment, no ideas came to mind. Then a note was discovered in the handbook to effect that if the volume control will not work that means VIB has gone soft. VIB and VIA were swapped; no improvement. So they were both soft! Well, buy a new pair. But the 7Q7 is unprocureable!

After some study it was decided to substitute 6BE6s, and immediately the problem of bases arose. Adaptors were made with less trouble than had been expected. Two pieces of perspex sheet were trimmed into very odd shapes, to make them fit in among the i.f. cans, etc., and sit flat on the bases of VIA and VIB. A circle was drawn on each, whose diameter was equal to the diameter of the circle of pins of a 7Q7.

So eventually the receiver was operating again, with two 6BE6s instead of 7Q7s. She came to life, but (a) she was full of birdies, and (b) the volume control still worked backwards.

Deciding to deal with the troubles one at a time, the birdies were tackled first—a bug which was not unfamiliar.

The wiring in the adaptors was not too much of a tangle, but it was, of



Figs. 2a. and 2b.—Methods of mounting miniature bases.

course, suspect. Anyway, the adaptors made the tubes so tall that the receiver wouldn't go back into its case. So, making careful notes about the connections, the loktal bases of VIA and VIB were removed and replaced with miniatures. In case you ever have to do this, Fig. 1 shows the better direction for pointing the gap between pins one and seven in the case of each tube, and Figs. 2a and 2b show how to mount the miniature bases in too-large holes.

This improved the birdies a bit, but not much. While gazing gloomily into the works, performance fell way off again. It was tossed in and went to seek a beer or two.

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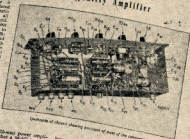
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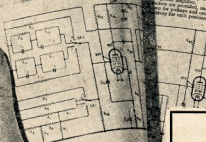


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# AMATEURS AND SALES TAX

## SOME COMMENTS IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

The following extract from Hansard (H. of R. No. 12, 17th-19th September, 1957) is part of a speech made in the Federal Parliament by the Member for Maranoa, Mr. Brimblecombe. It is printed because Amateurs may find many points of interest.

**Mr. Brimblecombe:** "... The next matter to which I turn is the sales tax. I know that in this budget some items have been exempted from sales tax and that on other items the rates have been reduced, but I desire to raise the matter of sales tax on the equipment used by Australian 'ham' radio operators. The Wireless Institute of Australia has for many years been asking the Government for some sales tax concessions for parts of equipment used for this very worthy purpose. We all know what a wonderful job these amateur radio operators do in the community. Their wonderful work in providing communications in times of bush fires and floods has been recognised. They have done a remarkable job. As a matter of fact, one of them was decorated with the M.B.E. for his work recently during floods in New South Wales."

**Mr. Hayden:** "In Maitland."  
**Mr. Brimblecombe:** "Yes. He saved many lives. He was the only means of communication that the floodbound people had with the rescue workers using 'walkie-talkie' equipment on amphibious ducks and with the outside world. I think I could best put the case of the amateur radio operators by giving a summary of their activities and the reasons why sales tax exemptions should be granted to them."

"The Wireless Institute of Australia is probably the oldest organised body of amateur radio operators in the world and therefore in the unique position of having fostered the development of communications and technical advances since the inception of the radio art. Much of the pioneering of high frequency, very high frequency and ultra high frequency techniques has been done by enthusiastic amateurs. The records of the institute show that amateur radio operators have made many outstanding contributions in the public interest. As far back as 1911, an amateur radio operator was responsible for saving a ship in distress, and since then radio operators have played a major part in developing the operating bush fire and flood relief networks, the location of missing aircraft and the transmission of traffic to Tasmania during cable breakdowns, and air race communication networks. Apart from this, a vast amount of data has been compiled, and this has played no small part in perfecting the propagation prediction methods used by communication services throughout the world."

"These people also made a wonderful contribution during the two world wars. Amateurs filled important posts in the communication branches of the three fighting services, and augmented the ranks of marine operators. Apart from this, the institute conducted basic training classes as its part of the war effort. Between the two wars, the institute organised the Royal Australian Air Force Wireless Reserve and regular

exercises were inaugurated. As a result of this, on the outbreak of World War II, a large number of members immediately joined the armed forces to take up important posts not only in the Royal Australian Air Force, but also in the Navy and Army. Prior training had fitted them to undertake highly technical assignments. In keeping with this policy, since the cessation of the last war the institute has organised emergency networks under the title of Civil Defence Emergency Networks and maintained a high degree of interest. This network is available to the authorities in time of need and has the added advantage of extreme flexibility. When moments of emergency arise due to floods, fires and so on, because of his training and knowledge of equipment the amateur is able to maintain communications. This has been amply demonstrated in recent flood emergencies in New South Wales."

"In the industrial sphere, the amateur has played, and continues to play, an important part. Much of the knowledge acquired in his experiments goes into the perfection of some project or product. Because of his special understanding of frequency modulation and radar techniques, the amateur was able to help materially in the establishment of the television industry, and many are engaged in their own television experiments."

"A firm basic training is fundamentally a part of institute policy. Classes are conducted to train young enthusiasts to the standards required by the Postmaster-General's Department for the amateur operator's certificate of proficiency. Ability to plan and construct is a part of the amateur's make-up. In the case of the amateur, it has to be designed and make the major portion of his equipment. Today, although most components can be purchased, it is still necessary to build them into one unit in such a manner as to suit particular requirements. The equipment for emergency networks is specially designed for the work and represents an appreciable outlay, for which the amateur neither receives nor expects reward."

"In order to lessen the cost of equipment, which the amateur uses either to widen his knowledge of electronics, or to help maintain communications in times of emergency, the institute has, from time to time, approached the Commissioner of Taxation with the request that sales tax be removed from components used in communication transmitters and receivers. Unfortunately, the commissioner has been unable to give effect to this request. One difficulty was the policing of such a scheme. The federal executive and divisional councils of the institute, after long and careful investigation, reached the conclusion that a system based on the provision of a special application form allowing sales tax exemption would be workable. Responsible officers of the institute would be willing to investigate the bona fides of any applicant, whether a member of the institute or not, and arrange that the necessary exemption be issued by the taxation authorities. In this way, no extra work

or cost would be incurred by the Taxation Branch. An exemption could be issued to study groups or clubs so that they could purchase equipment for training and stations. In these circumstances, some person would be required to become the responsible officer. These clubs, apart from interesting lads at a very impressionable age, would form vital links in any emergency network."

"Looking to the future, the institute believes that any steps which encourage the training of more personnel in the scientific field are valuable. If some relief from sales tax can be given, the return to Australia in trained and enthusiastic operators will be invaluable."

"Tributes have been paid to this wonderful organisation for the work that it has done. I shall cite a tribute paid by the Postmaster-General (Mr. Davidson) to the work done during the New South Wales floods. He said—and this is reported in 'Amateur Radio,' of October, 1950—

"'In a recent broadcast over 2KM Kempsey in connection with the recent widespread floods in New South Wales, I made appreciative reference to the assistance given by the licensees of Amateur Wireless Stations."

"'Since then, I have received further information of the part played by members of the Institute, both in the Kempsey area and also in other parts of the State affected. Accordingly, I would now like to confirm in writing the sentiments expressed over 2KM, and to say how pleased I am with the readiness shown, once again, by Amateur Operators to perform a public service, in times of emergency, with the facilities for which they are licensed."

"That speaks volumes for the wonderful work these people are doing. I shall now outline the cost to the Government if amateur radio operators are given some sales tax concessions. Active amateur operators number about 2,500, and they spend an average of about £20 a year. The total amount spent would be about £50,000. Of this, 25 per cent is sales tax on parts and equipment. Therefore, the cost to the Government would be about £10,000. This is not a great deal to pay for this form of defence preparedness when nearly £200,000,000 is voted for defence in the budget."

"Amateur radio operators not only do wonderful work in maintaining communications in time of emergency, but also maintain contact with amateur operators in other countries, and even behind the iron curtain. Radio 'hams' throughout the world are in communication with one another day and night. Their contact does a great deal to cement international relationships, and their work in this field should be recognised. I hope that the Government will sympathetically consider the request made by the Wireless Institute of Australia."

"I am glad to speak with a little firsthand knowledge on this subject, because I have a 'ham' operator on my property, and I know something of what his radio activities mean. This amateur radio work not only is of wonderful assistance to the community in

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# Polarisation Effects in V.H.F. Mobile\*

## Some Evaluation Tests on Mobile Antenna Systems for 50 and 144 Mc.

BY EDWARD P. TILTON,† W1HDQ

ITS effectiveness in working mobile stations is a time-honoured argument for sticking with vertical polarisation, in the areas where it is still in use. Admittedly, vertical mobile antennae are usually more pleasing to the eye, and mounting them is generally a simpler matter than is the case with any practical horizontal mobile antenna. But skipping the esthetic and mechanical aspects, how important is it that vertical polarisation be used, if satisfactory coverage is to be obtained in working with mobiles on 50 and 144 Mc.?

Many horizontal antennae for 2 metre mobile use have been described in "QST" in recent years.<sup>1</sup> A 6-metre halo was built and described by W1MUX some years ago.<sup>2</sup> We know how to do the horizontal job, the question here dealt with is how much difference does cross-polarisation make, assuming that a horizontal array is used at the fixed station? To tell our story we'd better start with a description of the antennae used.

### HALOS FOR 6 AND 2

For tests on 144 Mc. we used a rather haywire halo made by the writer in a total elapsed time of about 30 minutes. Perhaps other lazy individuals who want to try horizontal mobile antennae would be interested in the mechanical details. The main support is 19" high. It was cut from a section of an old t.v. antenna element, used because it was light in weight, and because its 1" size made a nice tight fit in the sleeve of a standard Amphenol male co-axial fitting. The "no-holes" mount on the rear deck (a clip of stiff aluminium fastened to the inside of the rain gutter with self-tapping screws) has a matching female fitting, and a co-ax lead running up to the dash where the rigs are operated.

The roof-top mounting was made of flashing copper, bent into a cube slightly larger than the co-axial fittings. The inner conductors of the two fittings are connected by a short wire inside the box, and the lips of the box are soldered to a flat plate of flashing copper, about 3" x 6" in size. The plate is held on the car top with black plastic tape, the bottom of the plate having first been covered with tape to prevent its disfiguring the car top in any way. A length of RG-58/U co-ax is brought forward to the rain gutter, and run around to the corner of the door, where it is protected by the rubber bumper on the door casing.

The halo is 1/4" aluminium rod 38" long, bent into a circle. Ends of the element are about 4" apart, though the exact size of the circle made does not seem to be critical. The co-ax is run

up through the tube, from the co-axial fitting at the bottom, and out through a hole near the top of the support. The black covering is cut back below the point at which the lead emerges, to allow the outer conductor to make contact to ground at that point. The hole should be of such size that the lead with its braid cover will just pull through it.

The inner conductor is the arm of the gamma match, connection being made to the element by means of a small aluminium clamp. Originally a variable capacitor was used in setting up the match. The best value was close to 25 pF, so a fixed capacitor was substituted. Connection at 4" out from the centre of the support provides an s.w.r. of under 1.5 to 1 across a considerable frequency range in this installation. Make your own adjustments of capacitor and connection point, if you like, but do it with an s.w.r. bridge, not a field-strength meter.

The 6-metre halo is a commercially-available unit known as the "Saturn 6 Mobileer," made by the Wholesale Supply Co., Lunenburg, Mass. It arrived for technical evaluation just as we were starting tests on 144 Mc., so we decided to make the investigation a two-band project, inasmuch as we already had provision for operation on both 50 and 144 Mc. with vertical whips.

The "Saturn 6" was attached to a standard bumper mount provided by the manufacturer. It stands just over 6 feet above ground in this position. (An extension support for up to 12 feet or so could be used for stationary operation.) The 6-metre whip could be inserted in either the roof-top or rear-deck mounts.

A ski-rack-mounted turnstile for 144 Mc., made by W1DXE, was borrowed for some comparisons. This was originally a single dipole, and as such was pictured in "QST".<sup>3</sup> It was converted to a turnstile later, in the hope of providing better omnidirectional characteristics. It consists of two split dipoles fed 90 degrees out of phase through a quarter-wave loop of co-ax.

The home-made halo for 2 was tried in both mounts. It showed somewhat more directional characteristics in the rear-deck position than on the roof-top, but otherwise there was little difference in either transmitting or receiving results. Co-axial leads from all three mounts were brought up to the dash, where a co-axial switch was used to select the antenna desired. Thus, it was possible to make instantaneous changes from horizontal to vertical, while transmitting or receiving on either band. Connet Communicators for both bands were used in the tests.

A v.h.f. mobile enthusiast for more than 20 years, with experience in all parts of the United States, the writer has observed the vagaries of v.h.f. propagation firsthand in all sorts of terrain. Most of this work has been done

with vertical whips, though various forms of horizontal antennae have been tried at times. From this experience it was obvious that matched polarisation paid some dividend. Equipment improvements in recent years have netted a considerable extension of our all-around v.h.f. coverage, however, even though there has been an almost country-wide swing to horizontal arrays at home stations, and thus much more cross polarisation in mobile operation with vertical whips.

Where both horizontal and vertical were available at home stations, we have found frequent instances where our mobile whip received an equally good signal, regardless of the polarisation at the home station. The degree to which the polarisation seemed to be rolled over has been quite closely related to the roughness of the terrain. Our worst mobile-to-fixed-station coverage, with cross polarisation on both 6 and 2 m, was in the flat open country of the Middle West. As nearly all past experience with cross polarisation was gained with vertical whips on the mobile and horizontal beams at the fixed station, we were curious to learn whether horizontal systems on the car would show consistent improvement and if so, how much?

Since the installation of the quick-switch system in the car we've had little opportunity for work over flat terrain, Western New England being mostly up on edge. We have tried all the kinds of paths we can find around the Hartford area, however, and conditions simulating those of flat terrain have been found in spots.

### RESULTS ON 144 Mc.

We have used the 144 Mc. facilities of W1DXE, V.H.F. extensively, as the 32-element horizontal array at that West Hartford station is more than 100 feet above ground, clearing all obstacles for a mile or more in all directions. Within five miles signals are so strong that little or nothing can be told about antenna differences, but over the mildly rolling terrain to the southwest signals get "off the pin" at about 7 or 8 miles. To the west, the route the author takes in going home each evening, a steep hill rises about 600 feet above average terrain at a distance of about 2 miles from the fixed station. Over the ridge of the hill the terrain drops even more sharply back to nearly the level of the eastern side, but the route winds behind other hills within 10 miles or so of travel. Hundreds of readings have been taken on 144 Mc. in these areas.

Out to and slightly beyond the visual horizon in open terrain the 2-metre halo shows a consistent superiority, the average in its favour being about 15 db. Very few spots can be found where the vertical whip approaches the signal level afforded by the halo, though both are entirely satisfactory. In the rolling terrain, at distances of 8 to 20 miles

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1 "The World Above 50 Mc." "QST," Feb., 1956, p. 35; Aug., 1956, p. 59.

2 Sitter, "A 'Halo' for Six Metres," "QST,"

Oct., 1947, p. 24.



or so, the margin between the two decreases gradually, running mostly between 6 and 10 db.

Working over the "mountain" (apologies to Westerners) there is also some advantage in matched polarisation, but it is slight. There are many places to be found, by slow jockeying of the car position, where the vertical whip provides as strong a signal as the halo, and there are spots where cross polarisation shows as much as 20 db. superiority. In the town of Collinsville, 12 miles and three ranges of hills to the west, some nearly dead spots can be found. Here many miles and much round-and-round-in-circles driving has shown the average gain with matched polarisation to be just enough to make the difference between the two plainly audible, as little as 3 and 5 db.

On an elevated ridge in Burlington, where signals from all up and down the Connecticut Valley are strong, polarisation discrimination is partially restored. On still higher elevations, where pure line-of-sight obtains, stations many miles distant show very clean polarisation.

One dividend from the use of the halo on 50 Mc. was greatly reduced ignition noise, both from our own car and others. Noise from the writer's car is barely audible at moderate driving speeds, even when the limiter on the Communicator is cut out. Switching to the whip brings in a deafening clatter. Reduction of ignition noise from other cars is at least as marked when the "Saturn" is in use, resulting in a considerable improvement in the readability of weak signals when driving in traffic. Oddly enough, this nice state of affairs did not show to so great a degree on 144 Mc.

Another difference between 50 and 144 Mc. showed up in the course of these checks. It had been observed before in working with the vertical whips, but it became much more obvious with horizontal polarisation. With horizontal antennae at both the fixed and mobile stations, the signals on 50 Mc. are much more constant in level than on 144 Mc. Particularly where the fixed station using a good beam, the annoying flutter so characteristic of v.h.f. mobile work almost disappears. We have had no end of comments about this from fellows we've worked with the "Mobileer." Unless they watch the S meter closely they find it hard to tell whether we're moving along the highway, or standing still. The fluctuation in signal level on 144 Mc. is somewhat less with horizontal polarisation than with vertical, but it is still plainly noticeable.

#### SOME RANDOM OBSERVATIONS

What is the respective merit of roof and rear-deck mounting with vertical whips? We've always assumed that the ideal place for a 144 Mc. whip was on the car top, though we have used the rear-deck mounting for esthetic reasons. Our test set-up afforded a fine chance to run down some information along this line. Identical 19" whips were installed on the roof and rear-deck, and then switched back and forth on countless occasions. At a given spot there would be a difference between the two, as multiple reflections happened to add with one and cancel with the other, but

with the car moving along there was no observable difference in average level. If anything, the car body introduced a bit more in the way of directional effects with the rear-deck mount, but the over-all advantage of the roof mount was so slight that we removed it once the testing was completed.

How good is a halo? We knew that both the 6 and 2 metre halos made our reliable range somewhat greater than we enjoyed previously with the whips, but we had no measure of their effectiveness until the 6-metre unit was tested against the 3-element portable array described in August "QST", page 35. The latter was connected into our quick-switch arrangement a few times when we were operating from some of our pet locations. Both it and the "Mobileer" were adjusted for minimum s.w.r. at the frequency of operation, and the rig loaded to the same power input to the antenna. Results: stations worked (at distances from local to 150 miles or so) reported the 3-element beam as two to five S-units stronger than the halo. On reception the difference was estimated at an average of 12 db. A reasonably accurate measure of received signal differential was made with a signal generator, by checking the input signal required for various degrees of green-eye closure on the Communicators.

#### AND A CONCLUSION OR TWO

Going to horizontal polarisation appeared to give us a definite edge in reliability and coverage over what we have encountered in vertical-to-vertical and cross-polarisation work in the past. Certainly the horizontal combination gives improved signal-to-noise ratio, this difference being particularly marked on 50 Mc.

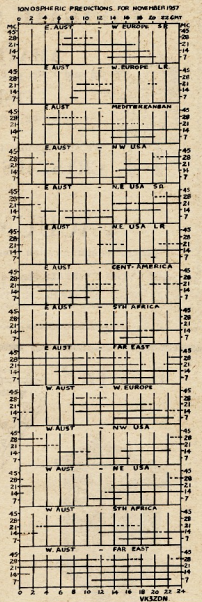
Horizontal at both ends of the circuit makes 6 metre mobile a real pleasure. Contacts with well-equipped home stations are almost noise-free out to 25 miles or so, in all but the worst terrain. Satisfactory communication out to 50 miles is frequently possible, and we've heard some surprisingly good signals at 100 miles or more, while driving in quiet areas. There was no DX during the period of the tests, but we anticipate that the improved signal-to-noise ratio of the halo will make 6 metre DX hunting more fun.

But cross-polarisation, which is likely to cause less trouble if you have an esthetically-sensitive family, is not bad. Conversion to horizontal polarisation on the part of every v.h.f. station in the country would by no means rule out the interesting and useful mobile operation on 6 and 2 metres by the fellow who will have nothing more obstructive on his car than a simple vertical whip.

If you would get the most out of gear for 6 or 2 metres, installed in your car, you'll want to try the horizontal systems. If the wife will take it, you'll want something as good as WIDXE's turnstile for 2, and the "Mobileer" or its equivalent on 6 metres. And don't pass up the portable beam idea. You'll never know the fun of v.h.f. work from the high spots until you pack along the biggest arrays for your favourite band that you can store in the rear deck of your car.

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#### AMATEURS AND SALES TAX

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time of emergency, but also is a wonderful hobby, and it should be encouraged. I leave the matter there, Mr. Temporary Chairman. I hope that honorable members will make themselves more familiar with the fine work that amateur radio operators are doing. I am sure that if honorable members learn more about it, they will support the request that these operators be given some concession."

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## C.D.E.N. NEWS

As outlined in the VK4 Notes for October, on the 25th August, Queensland members of C.D.E.N. were given the opportunity of taking part in full scale exercises designed to examine the effectiveness of C.D.E.N. in the case of a city disaster. Three networks were used—one mobile on 144 Mc. band, another mobile on the 10 band, and the usual city to country network. After the mobile had reconnoitred portable units were moved in to take over forward posts as they were established at strategic positions. We hope the results of this type will be arranged in all States.

We were pleased to receive a copy of document setting out in detail the practical efforts of the Australian Division of C.D.E.N. to ensure the success of C.D.E.N. in that State.

On 6th October communications specialists assembled at Mt. Macedon Civil Defence School to consider the findings of previous Communications Discussion Groups. The Institute was officially represented by: Bob Gossell, VK2ARG; George Robertson, VK3WJ; and Vinc. Jeffs, VK4VJ. Other Amateurs present representing their particular organisations were Harry Hannam, VK3; Evan Fell, VK4EF; Herb Sprenger, VK4ES.

Nineteen talks were given by members of the Group. The first talk was by Sir Giles Chippindall (Director, Posts and Telegraphs) who was followed by a number of senior officers of his Department. Many aspects of the Department's emergency plans and potential were ably presented.

Representatives of other bodies including two representatives of the Institute (George Robertson and Vinc. Jeffs) outlined the activities and proposals of their own organisations.

During the progress of the session the Federal Co-ordinator, VK3AG, and the VK3 Co-ordinator, Reg Busch, VK3LS, visited the School and joined in an informal meeting of W.I.A. Interstate members. Many interesting and valuable suggestions for the improvement of C.D.E.N. were offered.

One of the most valuable suggestions was that the title of C.D.E.N. be changed to W.I.C.E.N. Such a change would achieve the following advantages:

- (1) The word W.I.C.E.N. in addition to retaining our identity as W.I.A. network, would adequately describe our function, that is Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network.
- (2) Remove the misconception that C.D.E.N. means our activities are related only to Civil Defence.
- (3) Provide a word suitable for use phonetically, morsewise, or as telegraphic address.
- (4) Eliminate any confusion with C.D.O. activities.

Before printing Authorisation Cards, this proposal will be submitted to a vote of Federal Council. When the original title was selected by Federal Council it was done with the object of extending pre and post war emergency activities to cover every national contingency. The proposed title W.I.C.E.N. seems to aptly cover these requirements as well as providing the additional advantages outlined above.

In conclusion, we must record that both the official and unofficial discussions at Mt. Macedon have been most fruitful and enlightening.

The high esteem in which the Amateur's work in the emergency field is held was clearly indicated by the numerous organisations to see him integrated into the general communications plan.

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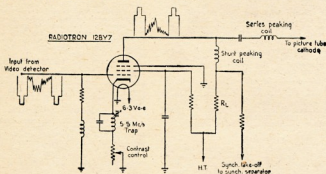
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The television receiver video-output stage is required to amplify, without compression, the output from the video detector to a level which is sufficient to modulate fully the electron beam in the picture tube. The level required is normally in excess of 100 volts peak-to-peak. The frequency spectrum of this signal, which includes both picture and synchronising information, can include components extending from 25 c/s to as high as 5 Mc/s.

To maintain the desired pass-band shape a low plate-load resistance is used in association with peaking coils. The higher the circuit capacitance (which consists of the output capacitance of the video amplifier valve, the input capacitance of the picture tube and stray capacitance) the lower must be the load resistance and the more difficult is the practical achievement of the desired gain bandwidth product.

To achieve the necessary gain and output with the low plate-load resistance, a high transconductance valve capable of a relatively high plate current swing is necessary.

A typical video-amplifier circuit is discussed in Radiotronics, April, 1957. A simplified circuit is shown below.



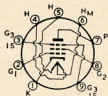
The Radiotron 12BY7 is a 9-pin miniature valve designed specially to meet the requirements of the video output stage. Its transconductance of 12,000  $\mu$ mhos enables adequate gain to be realised with low plate-load resistances, and its large signal handling capacity ensures compression-free amplification. The low output capacitance of this valve assists in keeping the circuit capacitance to a minimum, thus facilitating the stage design. The centre-tapped filament enables it to be used with both 6.3 and 12.6 volt supplies.

For further information on the 12BY7 and other Radiotron Television Valves, consult the TV1 Booklet. Additional copies of this advertisement are available free and post free on request.



## 12BY7<sup>+</sup>

### SOCKET CONNECTIONS



(bottom view)

- Pin 1 — Cathode
- Pin 2 — Grid No. 1
- Pin 3 — Grid No. 3, Internal Shield
- Pin 4 — Heater
- Pin 5 — Heater
- Pin 6 — Heater Centre-Tap
- Pin 7 — Plate
- Pin 8 — Grid No. 2
- Pin 9 — Grid No. 3, Internal Shield



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## FIFTY-SIX MEGACYCLES AND ABOVE

### Field Day Rules

STOP PRESS!

50-54 Me. BAND FOR I.G.Y.

Federal Executive has announced that following representations to the Amateur Administration, approval has been granted for the Amateur Service to use the 50-54 Mc. band until December, 1958.

In view of the MUF going up there is every possibility that Interstate work at least shall soon take place.

## 56 MEGACYCLES

From Non Burton, of Sydney, that good friend of the 56 Mc. man, comes amplification of the 50 Mc. note last month concerning the 50 Mc. test schedule. They are continuing weekly, 10:00 to 10:30 GMT. The participating W stations are in the band section 50 to 50.2 Mc. calling for 5 minutes twice each hour, commencing 15 mts. and 45 mts. after the hour. The 56 Mc. man will answer or call concerning these tests. At least six of the W stations have 56 Mc. converters and are eager to attempt 50/56 Mc. cross-band tests. The 50 Mc. path is open on Sunday, giving four hours in which to try and make the grade.

Predictions indicate a high MUF during November and there is every possibility that the tests could be successful.

This is definitely challenge to the v.h.f. fraternity throughout VK, particularly to those in the northern coastal regions. The Ham made his name in the early days by his willingness to take a chance on a possibly wrong but probably knowledge, claimed was impossible. The most recent classic example of this was the WK/HB 14 Mc. link established in July. Many of the old timers who remember the days of the 14 Mc. net yet having changed to 56 Mc. Why not blow the dust off them and take part in these tests. And the newcomers to 56 Mc. who have never heard of the 14 Mc. net. Why not convert or revamp one of those other converters you usually have around the shack. Do not let it be said that the old timers were more venturesome than the youngsters. You have earned for the Ham in general. Try and make your call and name respected, as one who has attempted, and should good fortune smile upon you, have helped in the complete breaking of the Trans-Pacific barrier on 50/56 Mc.

As a minor effort compared with the I.G.Y. tests on 49 Mc. from South America using power up to 20 kw. and beamed up the west coast of that continent at U.S.A., but important in its own right, arrangements are in hand to run a series of tests on 50/50 Mc. But more of that when details are on hand. Under the VK3 notes is further information concerning auroral observation, this also indicates the need of a 50 Mc. converter, the band to which scientists during the I.G.Y. have paid little attention. It is along with the I.G.Y. V.I.P.s. whilst paying attention to our own v.h.f.s.

DX, until the end of Sept., has just not been there on either 56 or 50 Mc. Even Verna has heard nothing on 50 Mc., the JA signals apparently staying on their own side of the equator. Previously they have broken through to VK2/VK3 in October, and with conditions peaking there is every chance that shortly they shall come in again. The MUF has reached well into 40 Mc. lately and augurs well for the future, besides which the band is getting that feeling of life in it which is sensed by the experienced operator.

As a mark of interest here are some of the stations active on 56 Mc. in VK3-56 Mc.: 3YS, 3ZCW, 56.00S; 3CI, 56.04; 3UI, 56.05; 3OF, 56.08; 3AJE, (v.f.o.), 3ZBN; 56.09; 3SF, 56.11; 3ZAT; 56.16; 3ZCW; 56.21; 3ZAQ; 56.24; 3ZAI; 56.25; 3APP; 56.56; 3SV, 3VL; 56.57; 3BQ; 56.68; 3XM, together with VKs 3AE, 3AHL, 3ALZ, 3VF, 3ZAF, 3ZCN and 3ZL. It is understood that there is quite a crowd of VKs around 58 Mc., so tune up that far boys.

The Charters Towers-Townsville path has not yet been cracked on 144 Mc., but tests are continuing and interest remains high. Well built high gain antennae should turn the trick. an assumption well founded on results achieved in long haul work on 144 Mc. in VK2 and VK3.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**Meeting.**—The monthly meeting of the V.H.T. and T.v. Group was held at Gore Hill Technical College on Friday, 4th October, at 7.30 p.m. Owing almost certainly to the holiday week-end, the meeting was not as well attended as usual. However, after a very smart disposal of formal business, those present were treated to a very fine lecture by Mr. A.H. Williams, M.Sc., on "The Limits of Life's Security," which was entitled "The Limits of Weak Signal Reception," dealt with noise external to the rx. A vote of thanks was moved by Dave 2AWZ and carried by acclamation.

2ER reported that I.G.Y. rehearsals which had taken place during the month had been most successful, the maximum time taken to pass a warning through the radio network being two seconds.

**Monthly Day Fixture.**—On Sept. 15 a treasure hunt was held with 30A hiding the treasure. During the day clues were left at suitable locations by 20A. Most of these were quite artistic efforts, e.g. the picture of the fox at Rooty Hill. 30A gave one accurate bearing from each location to some known point. Competitors were able to take one bearing of their own and then proceed to where they hoped to find the clue.

The final location at Parramatta Park included an unscheduled hazard in the shape of a 2/- entrance fee. 20A is now known as "Two Bob Winch"! Final scores were 2ZCF and 2ANF/ER tied for 1st place with 12 pts. This type of event seems to be very popular judging by the excellent roll up.

**Monthly Night Fox Hunt** was held on Wednesday, 25 Sept. The starting place being Top Ryde. As a change from the usual straight-out hidden tx hunt, Wednesday night's event was made a mobile fox hunt and was a huge success. The fox, ZZAV, who started from an undisclosed point at 8 p.m. had to transmit continuously, keep on the move until 9.15 p.m., and then go to ground.

Points were awarded to the hounds who were successful in intercepting the fox while "on the run" and for the bound first in at the finish. 22BB, who was first to catch the fox on the run (3 points), tied by 22ED who in addition to winning a point for being first in at the end, earned 2 points for being second to intercept the fox when mobile.

**Scramble.**—An announced Scramble was held on Sunday, 29th Sept. Some thirty odd 2 m stations participated, the winners being Bob 20A and Dick 22CF who tied.

During the month of September cross band (5 and 2 mx) activity has increased in popularity. A new 2 mx station, 2ZDF (Newcastle) has been putting a fine signal into Sydney. 2ALU (Wollongong) has been worked by 2EW in Sydney at good strength. 2ALU is back with us after an absence of some years.

## VICTORIA

Big news this month! Two members of the Ballarat gang have got themselves engaged and on the same day too. Congrats to Bill 3AMH and John 3ZDM. John says he hopes to be back on 144 Mc. before Christmas and Bill hopes to get on the band from Colac shortly.

Another item of interest was the successful launching of a space satellite by Russian cosmonauts. Two announcements said that the transmitting station had received a signal from the satellite at 40.905 and 40.002 Mc. The signal was received at 40.905 Mc. and was emitted long before a number of the gang reported hearing the lower frequency signal but it wasn't until the Saturday evening (51st October) at 10 p.m., that Fred 3YS heard the 40 Mc. signal. The signal was heard by only one other known to have heard the higher frequency transmission is Alan 3UL. Len 3LM has a good recording of the 40 Mc. signal taken from Fred's receiver so those who haven't heard it can have a chance to do so at the next V.H.F. Group meeting.

Meeting.—The Sept. meeting was held on the 18th and about 20 members attended to hear Jock 3ZDG speak on "Automatic and Remotely Controlled." Jock kept the meeting interested for 1½ hours with various hints on relays, selector units and associated devices. After the lecture, the members had a day's work in the laboratory and the meeting closed about 2300 hours. No 3AHJ has promised to come along to the November meeting on the 20th and give a talk entitled "Modern Airborne Equipment." It is hoped to have some representative gear on display, so the lecture should be doubly interesting.

There was no fox hunt for the month of September because the usual night was taken up by the Divisional monthly meeting.

1. Dates: Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 26, Mar. 2, and April 20.

2. Scoring: 1 pt. per QSO on 144 Mc., 2 pts. per QSO on 56 Mc., 3 pts. per QSO on 288 Mc., and 5 pts. per QSO on 576 Mc. Double points for all contacts over 100 miles distance.

3. Locations: No one operator, or group of operators, shall be permitted to operate from the same location more than once.

4. Time Limit: Only those contacts made in any six consecutive hours count for scoring purposes.

5. Contacts: To make a scoring contact, operators must exchange readability and signal strength reports plus a 3 digit number, i.e. the same system as is used in the R.D. Contest or the Ross Hull contest. In addition, when long distance contacts (100 miles or over) are claimed, the actual distance must be agreed upon by both operators and submitted with the log.

6. Logs containing the usual information must reach Bob 30J within a fortnight of the contest date.

Some of these rules are new; they can be changed but give them a fair go before complaining.

Mention of contests and new rules reminds me to remind those operators interested in the Ross Hull Contest that this season's rules differ greatly from last season's. Interstate and overseas contacts count but intrastate contacts do not. Therefore, I should think the winner will have to do most of his operating on S&W. The full details of the rules appeared in August "A.R." on p. 11.

**Band Jottings**—Newcomers to 144 Mc. are Jack 3ZEF, Peter 3ZFP and Frank 3OF. On 288 Mc. Ron 3OM is attempting to get a pair of 7183s going. He has no rx to date. 3AMT of Ringwood has made a re-appearance on 288 Mc. after a couple of years absence, but he hasn't been heard at this location as yet.

RAY 3ZAE is working at Colac, now whilst Max 3ZAW is stationed at Bendigo. Glen 3ZBJ has been on 144 Mc. from his QTH in Tas. Max 3ZAE has been silent for some time, but he has had a spell of duty at Radio Australia. I had the pleasure of a visit from Max 3ZCW recently. He told me he hopes to get on 58.15 Mc. shortly. Max would also like to know the whereabouts of Max 3ZAB, who he has not heard on 13th Sept., the date of quite a widespread auroral display. The time was between 8.30 and 9.00 p.m. and the signal appeared to be from the northern section of the aurora. Can anybody help Maxi?

Well that's the lot for this month, but I would like to make a special appeal for information for next month's notes. From now until early December, I will be kept very busy with examinations and so I will not be able to scout around myself. Thank you, 3ZAG

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The main item during the month was the two vivid appearances of the aurora and the effect it had on propagation. All kinds of reports have been buzzing around but none as yet really confirmed. One was that George 5GB heard a VK6 calling Keith 5MT and that some VK3 signals were heard in Adelaide.

At this QTH there were several fairly loud carriers heard on frequencies that were outside those previously logged and identified as VKs although they could not be called other than transitory. The flutter on them made it impossible to get any modulation and by the same token it was not possible to "DF" them. For they were all loudest when the beam was directed to the South, that is into the display itself.

The usual 2 mx activities are still below par, presumably the cold is still in the bones, and it will take a warm burst and a break through to VK3 to really liven up the 2 mx band again. One metre seems to have plenty of activity in spite of the weather, two newcomers in Colin SZXY and Ron SZDY being heard recently. Congrats on the entry to the band fellows, hope to hear more of you. Ron has an extremely strong signal and he made himself known to the boys at the last W.I.A. meeting.

53S, who by using 2 watts only with a 6V8 transceiver, worked from Anstey's Hill to Hummocks—get out your 100 watts and multi-  
multi elements fellows and try your luck. These low power rigs really get things done.  
Rex 5KY went to Port Wakefield for a week during school vacation, and took 288 Me-  
gar and from QTH in the town, he worked 338 Lgham, A1 5CZ twice (at New Nor-  
Summitt) and Br15 5ZBN (from Mt. Lofly).  
Rex's gear was p.p. 7193s and 855 rs, antenna  
being a 5 element yagi up 30 ft. from the  
house chimney.

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# W.I.A. FEDERAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"It is my pleasure to present to you the annual report of Federal Executive for the period March, 1956, to March, 1957, in particular, but including important matters which have happened since our last Convention in 1953. There has been steady progress on most matters requiring attention, but I hope that the 24th Convention will regularise some of those aspects still outstanding. Turning now to the details of our operations for the period:

## MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to report that our Federal QSL Master, Mr. Ray Jones, who has carried out his duties in an outstanding manner for over 25 years, was rewarded by being elected a Life Member of the Victorian Division; a small reward for a job well done.

In January, 1955, the Papua and New Guinea Division of the W.I.A. was officially approved, and I had the privilege in July of that year of opening their station, VK9WI, via a tape recording.

"With regard to membership generally, there has only been a small increase overall. Our present figures are unfortunately not very accurate due to the fact that all Divisions are not supplying me with the correct figures every month—I refer to the detailed statement of all membership grades which your Executive have to have for the future. The present figures given are: N.S.W. 785, Victoria 728, Queensland 153, South Australia 369, Western Australia 113, Tasmania 151, and Papua-New Guinea 1. The total membership for 1956 is 2,556. The increase from December, 1952, up to date is only in the vicinity of 250; not a very large number considering the fact that the growth there has been an overall increase of licensed Amateurs from 2,710 to about 3,380—a total increase of 670. It is apparent from these figures that the W.I.A. must take positive steps to encourage more new licensees and others to join and share the privileges of membership. In dealing with this aspect of the report, congratulating the Tasmanian Division who have achieved a pronounced increase in membership whilst other Divisions have just about maintained existing membership.

## REGULATIONS

"In May 1953, the Technician License was introduced and since that time a large number of technically qualified persons have availed themselves of this opportunity to become members. Limiting Amateur Operators to the Certificate of Proficiency. In November, 1953, the 56-61 Mc. band was released in lieu of the 50-54 Mc. band which closed at the end of January. Also in November we were at last successful in obtaining permission for Amateur Television Licenses and approval for experimenting commenced from the 1st July, 1956. To January, 1957, a total of 46 permits have been granted consisting of 19 in VK2, 17 in VK3, 3 in VK4, 3 in VK5, 3 in VK6, and 1 in VK7 which result which has much surprised the Postmaster-General's Department.

"In March, 1956, we successfully negotiated a relaxation in mobile-portable conditions of operation which is already proving to be an incentive for new members to extend their activities. Other negotiations are still under way regarding the Service License, press on the niques and the issue of VK8 prefixes to the Northern Territory to mention some of the most interesting and all the facts are now being correlated to provide a case opposing the change. In general, our negotiations with the Departmental officers have been on the best of terms and our friendly liaison and co-operation maintained.

"As you know, we took a poll of all members on the change proposed for the P.M.G. Department to 146-155 Mc. in lieu of our existing 144-148 Mc. band. The result was most interesting and all the facts are now being correlated to provide a case opposing the change. In general, our negotiations with the Departmental officers have been on the best of terms and our friendly liaison and co-operation maintained.

"I must mention the matter of the Federal Convention on change seems to be a serious misconception. Despite contentions to the contrary, your Executive considers they

have acted constitutionally in this matter. The support of six of the seven Divisions indicates confidence in the Executive's action. I trust that the deliberations of the 24th Convention will obviate any such misconceptions in the future.

## FINANCE

"The audited accounts and balance sheet are presented herewith as presented by the Federal Treasurer. It is obvious that for an organisation the size of our own, the balance is particularly small and does not allow the Executive the scope it should have to represent the Divisions effectively. I trust this particular aspect will also be overcome in your deliberations during the Convention.

## "AMATEUR RADIO" AND "CALL BOOK"

"The present standard of 'Amateur Radio' has been maintained by the Publications Committee under difficult circumstances with rising costs and lack of new advertising the contributing factors. The 'Call Book' has been maintained also, and I think greatly improved since the initial issue; new features and revisions are always in mind commensurate with additional cost. The idea that profits from this publication would allow an improvement in 'Amateur Radio' have not been entirely borne out. The return of unsold copies of this book has placed an additional burden on the publishers which should not occur in future. I cannot pass on to other matters without high praise for the Editor and his Committee who have done a very difficult and onerous task in the best way possible. They deserve every Division's support to improve our publications still more.

## OVERSEAS SOCIETIES

"This year we have maintained our close liaison with the I.A.R.U., the A.R.R., the R.S.G.B., the N.Z.A.R.T. and other societies on the fraternalist basis. As mentioned else-

where, however, I was most disappointed with regard to most of Region III. societies who had not even the courtesy to reply to our circular letter. During the period we approached the Minister for External Affairs to present our sincere hope to the Philippine Government that they would soon allow Amateurs to communicate officially with other Amateurs of the world, and we trust this move has had favourable results.

## FEDERAL STATION VK3WIA

"In December, 1953, the Federal Station VK3WIA became active during the Park Pacific Scout Jamboree held at Clifford Park, near Melbourne, and was a result promoted our objects in encouragement and instruction of radio communication in relation to the Boy Scout Movement. Since that time your Executive has obtained some surplus equipment for the official station and with the present exception of suitable modulation equipment can put a 250-watt c.w. signal on the air. As soon as this equipment is completed it is the intention to put out regular transmissions and official broadcasts on matters of Divisional interest.

## CONTESTS AND CERTIFICATES

"The presentation of the W.A.V.K.C.A. Certificate for overseas Amateurs in May, 1955, has evinced great interest in Australia by DX operators everywhere as it is a much sought after award. The rules may well have to be amended due to the recent VK1 call sign change from Capital Territory and the VK0 change for the Antarctic stations, but we hope that the Northern Territory prefix matter may be cleared as well before the rules are altered. The question of contests has been in the capable hands of the Contest Committee in South Australia, and their report will cover the salient points on this aspect. The reprinting of membership certificates is completed and they are available to Divisions for issue to new members.

"An unfortunate accident occurred to the Remembrance Day Contest Trophy this year (Continued on Page 14)

## WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA—FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

Balance Sheet as at 28th February, 1957

Current Liabilities		Current Assets	
Creditors	£31 4 7	Commonwealth Trading Bank—	
Accumulated Funds—		No. 1 A/c.	£26 12 3
Balance 1/3/56	£474 4 3	No. 2 A/c.	8 11 3
Add surplus for the		Capital on hand	8 8 3
year ended 28/2/57	12 0	Debtors	181 15 11
	474 16 3	Stocks on Hand	104 0 0
			£290 19 10
		Fixed Assets (at cost less depreciation)—	
		Eddystone Model "640"	
		Receiver	£15 0 0
		Trophy, Remembrance	
		Day	8 15 0
		Trophy, Ross Hull	
		Memorial	31 6 0
		Filing Cabinet	17 10 0
		Typewriter	42 10 0
			115 1 0
	£506 0 10		£506 0 10

## Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 28th February, 1957

Expenditure		Income	
Badges	£24 0 0	Per Capita Payments	£175 1 0
Trophy Expenses	6 7 6		
Printing and Stationery	25 15 0		
Certificates	6 5 3		
Depreciation	20 13 0		
Audit and Accounting	8 8 0		
Bank Charges	2 10 4		
Postage	11 7 7		
Sundries	20 2 0		
Telephone	10 18 3		
QSL Bureau	27 11 3		
Federal Contest Committee	3 2 1		
D.K.C.C. Bureau	22 12 0		
Entertainment	12 0 0		
Profit to Accumulated Funds	£175 1 0		£175 1 0

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Wireless Institute of Australia (Federal Executive) in my opinion the Balance Sheet properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Federal Executive's affairs as at 28th February, 1957, and that the attached Income and Expenditure Account is properly drawn up to exhibit a correct view of the results for the year ended 28th February, 1957, according to the best of my knowledge and the explanations given to me, and as shown in the books. Stock on hand at 28th February, 1957, has been accepted on the certificate of the Secretary.

R. W. Ellis, Dip. Com., Chartered Accountant (Aust.).



## W.I.A. FEDERAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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whilst it was in transit, but it has now been restored to its original splendour. Winners of the Royal W.I.A. Medal Contest have received a framed photo in addition to holding the trophy for a period.

### CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY NETWORK

"Since the last Convention several national emergencies have occurred which illustrated the usefulness of a properly organised network. It is obvious from his discussions at the C.D.E.N. Co-ordinator has also had the privilege of attending the Commonwealth Government Civil Defence School. The Hon. Mr. J. Corbin, President of the New South Wales Division this year also attended the school in an official capacity.

"The Federal Co-ordinator has now obtained all the organisational data necessary and forwarded copies to each Division for information. It is obvious from his discussions at the Defence School that a network based on sound operating lines must be established for any sudden emergency, and this is the logical role of the C.D.E.N. all Divisions to take the greatest interest in the Federal plan so that our interests and usefulness will not be overlooked by the Authorities. The other avenues into which our energies may be released and you may rest assured that these are being thoroughly explored by Federal Executive.

### OLYMPIC GAMES RELAY

"This matter was carried out on an official basis with the Authorities and the Department co-operated to the extent of sending official cables to the only Greek authorities but also to any countries that might be concerned with the relay. The message of greeting duly left Mt. Olympus in Greece via the Athens Radio Club and was relayed via two stations to VKWT/P situated on Mt. Olympus in Tasmania, whence it was sent via VK3W and VK3Y to the C.D.E.N. Co-ordinator. The Postmaster-General's Department who officially organised the administrative and financial aspects and approved this unusual but friendly gesture of goodwill.

### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

"One of the most important matters that Executive was faced with during the period was in relation to Television receivers not conforming to the standards laid down by the Australian Broadcasting Control Board. Representations were made to the Postmaster-General himself and after much publicity by press and radio the matter was satisfactorily finalised for the members of the W.I.A.; members will not now be held responsible for interference to receivers not complying with the standards and it could be hoped that should be encouraged to be helpful where possible to maintain good public relations.

"Another matter of import being dealt with at present is an application for the exemption from sales tax of equipment purchased by Amateurs for experimental purposes. This brief has been dealt with with my sincere appreciation on the past history of the Amateur, especially in relation to his worth to the community, and has been the means of revealing a lot of incidents which were duly recorded in the history of the W.I.A. for posterity.

"Short Wave Listeners' Groups are flourishing and the public are becoming more and more interested in this way, which when all is said and done, is the way most of us started out in Amateur Radio ourselves. All our younger Amateurs will be duly encouraged to become as possible as they will undoubtedly become the Amateurs of tomorrow.

"Don't think you are aware that the past year has been productive of many new privileges, but there remains a number of unfinished matters which the next year should see completed. I wish with my sincere appreciation to the Awards Manager, the QSL Manager and the Traffic Manager, all of whom carried out their duties with a high standard of efficiency and, putting on a sound footing the recording of results of contests and the issuance of certificates and awards.

"I cannot let this opportunity pass without recording the honour bestowed by our Gra-

acious Majesty on Mr. Jim Corbin, VK2CY, and Mr. George Glover, VK3AG. Mr. Corbin's well known and well viewed view of his outstanding work during the N.S.W. flood disasters, and Mr. Glover's Coronation Medal was the result of many years service to Federal Executive in particular and to the W.I.A. and Amateur Radio in general. My gratitude is also expressed to all Federal Councillors and other helpers not named in person who have all assisted in the well-being of the W.I.A. Last but not least are the other members of Federal Executive who have all helped to make my last year as President of the W.I.A. supported me in numerous ways. I thank them all for the unselfish manner in which they have assisted and trust they all have your confidence to do the same in the future. I can conclude now by assuring you that my own efforts are always at the service of the W.I.A. and that every effort on my own part has been with the prosperity and progress of the Institute in mind."

—W. T. S. Mitchell, VK3UM, Federal President.

## DO NOT FORGET:

The closing date for copy for the January issue is 2nd December.

## FIFTY-SIX MEGS, AND ABOVE

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Good going Rex, proves your old stamping ground to be a good v.h.f. spot. Interesting to note effect of antenna efficiency on this, because 624Z to fire heard on folded dipole, just audible, only just too, and then the switch to the 5 el. yagi which brought the signal up to 500.

Joe 530 using a 16 el. beam and puts a very heavy signal across SR5 anywhere you like—nice going Joe. Tom 5TD, that's happened, and the signal won't travel, another quiet one lately is Alf 52AL, how come Alf? 7193s go up in smoke?

Rumour has it that a number of the Z boys have knocked the Morse over and will be appearing with two letter calls soon. Grape vine quotes ZBR, ZBN, ZDX, ZDF, ZAW and maybe a few others. I won't travel, they're right. The October exam. will see another batch trying their luck for Morse as well as a number starting from scratch—good luck to them also.—5FZ.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The monthly meeting of the W.A. Group was held on Saturday night 7th Sept. at D.C.A. Amateurs Room. Attendance was not as good as it could have been, so shake it up you fellows. Business was cleared up, thanks to our deputy chairman, Frank 6CC, and acting sec. Rolo 6BO. Our usual office bearers, Syd 6SJ and Ralph 6ZAD being unavoidably absent. The highlight of the evening was a very enjoyable lecture by Mr. Alan Jones, of the Astronomical Society, on an event due in the near future, the passage of Don and Roy to Earth Satellite. Mr. Jones covered all aspects of the project aided by photos and diagrams and also plans whereby Radio Amateurs could help via multiple beam antennas. It proved himself master of his subject and judging by the vote of thanks, given in the approved manner, for his enlightening lecture.

Saturday night, 21st Sept., saw a number of cars at King's Park ready for the Fox Hunt. At 2015 the signal came on—boy what a signal—my car was the last to leave. Under the call sign 6ZAA/P. After some running about the fox was run to earth at Mill Point—the nearest place. King's Park, across the river, near the Bridge, the car was there. The signal seemed to be sometimes fixed and then mobile, anyway he was very much portable when on the ground. Don and Roy who ran the car broadcast across the road, at the time Ralph 6ZAD was right behind the fox, so the result was a dead heat. The fox's car was driven by Don 6BIC with Wally 6ZAA in the back. Don, by the way, was supposed to be a missing link for the night owing to a previous engagement. I know what it was now—trying to fool us.

The clues make good reading, so here goes: Clue No. 1 open at 2100 hours. "Have you tried the new bridge?" Remember it is only temporary and that you can't walk across it yet. Perhaps you had better look for a boat." Clue No. 2 open at 2100 hours. "Have you tried the new bridge?" Remember it is only temporary and that you can't walk across it yet. Perhaps you had better look for a boat." Carried by boat! Yes a Mayflower—49-358, per courtesy Mr. Don Graham. What a howed. Never mind, it was a good night and chewed out during the very enjoyable supper and yarn that followed.—6ZAV.

## YL CORNER

BY PHYL MONCUR

### "SATELL-ITIS"

We were going to the pictures, we were actually going to have a night out and even like that, all XYLs will agree I'm sure, doesn't happen very often as there is always something or other to do. I was at the OM home on a Saturday evening. It was one night when I could enjoy the sort of thing that normal human beings seem to find interesting and something that I, as a YL, look forward to. For one night in my life I wouldn't have to listen to that incessant "CQ, CQ, your signal is so and so, the line up here is such and such, I'm using a pair of such thing or other in the final." Oh, if I didn't know that routine off by heart.

Then half way through the morning the OM, tearing down the passage shout, "Quick, turn on the radio, the whole world's gone mad with excitement." Well I didn't know about the whole world, but could certainly see the OM appeared to be imbued with some sort of madness. He was breathless, his eyes were nearly popping out of his head and excitement was the term for his sensation he was obviously experiencing. Of course, the news was that the Russian satellite had been successfully launched and it wasn't long before our own ham radio operators were beginning to feel some of his enthusiasm.

The youngest harmonic started to tune up his very first set, the second one got to work on his one-valve, and the eldest harmonic turned on his brain-child, a glorious contraption he has been creating for several months past specially to receive the satellite while the OM made a wild dive to unearth from amongst cob-webs and years of dust, his very first set, the third one, the youngest, were all certain they could hear the signal, very scratchy bit of atmospherics was the result. The OM, too, had imagination and a sense of humour, but instead of an orbit, came nearer to us, a signal came through and there was no mistaking that it was coming from the Russian satellite. Well, but most surely it became louder and clearer and had the feeling we would be hearing key clicks at any moment.

The effect on your feelings was very exhilarating, the realisation dawned on you that such a wonderful feat had been accomplished here in our own time. To Radio Hams anxious to hear the news of our wonderful possibilities had been opened up and even XYLs, both the enthusiastic type and the anti-radio ones, could all appreciate this.

My OM rang up every other OM he knew and every other OM he knew him, and he also. Life became a series of listening to the signal and telling everybody else about it. I was in a bit of a daze, they got it up there and how long it would take. How were they managing to transmit on the frequencies they were and how was the signal being brought back? I was sure I was wish it was us who had put it up there.

Oh yes, we were going to the pictures that night. The OM never gave that another thought, for he was so busy with his briefest and then dismissed it. Do you know, for once in my life, listening to Amateur Radio seemed more important than anything else, believe it or not. I was sure I was there, time being, had become the beginning and end of all. Nobody had any desire for meals and I was sure I was there, I was sure I was body at our QTH who had any inclination what-so-ever to prepare any.

We didn't go to bed that night till very, very late, we just couldn't bear to leave the receiver, we had to stay up and listen, we make sure the signal was still going and to dwell in very pleasant amazement on the fact that it was so close to us. I was sure I was there after all that time had passed.

When the satellite began to slow down it was like waiting for the inevitable death of something you regarded highly. You didn't think it stop but wish it could go on forever and ever.

Well maybe Ham Radio and Ham husbands do have a lot of things in common. I hearers lots of the time, but at times like this, Ham Radio and its allied sciences are just gosh darn interesting even to the "anti-est of XYLs."

\* 235 Union Road, Ascot Vale, Vic.



# FEDERAL, QSL, and DIVISIONAL NOTES

## FEDERAL

50-54 Mc. For I.G.Y.

Federal Executive is pleased to announce that following representations to the Amateur Administration, approval has been granted for the Amateur Service to use the 50-54 Mc. band until December, 1958.

In view of the activity in meteor scatter propagation during the I.G.Y. and other fields of experiment, it is expected that the band will regain its former popularity.

### VISITORS AT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Some Interstate visitors attended a recent Executive meeting which had been called for the purpose of discussing the forthcoming I.T.U. Conference.

Said visitors had been attending a C.D.O. school at Mt. Macedon and came down especially to hear details of the organisation at the I.T.U.

Bob Goodsell, VK2ARG (VK2 Federal Councilor), Vince Jones, VK4VJ, and Evan Bell, VK4EF, were given a warm welcome by the President and entered fully in the discussions.

### LIST OF PERSONS WHO QUALIFIED FOR AMATEUR OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATES

#### New South Wales

- L. R. Baber, 1 Royston Street, New Lambton.
- A. W. Ballantine, 34 Finlayson St. Lane Cove.
- M. D. Bested, Box 446, P.O. Griffith.
- C. Chapman, C/o Post Office, Bolwarra.
- E. G. Clark, Box 146, P.O. Griffith.
- V. W. Davey, 152 Sutherland St., Paddington.
- H. J. Foster, "Avoca," Glala via Gunning.
- R. Grivas, Box 29, P.O. Griffith.
- B. E. Jacobs, 8 Whitton St., Griffith.
- J. F. Jorgensen, 142 Edinburgh Rd., Castlecrag.
- R. E. Lynde, 33 Temple St., Stannore, Sydney.
- R. M. Marsden, 43 Houston Rd., Kingsford, Sydney.
- M. M. McCook, 122 Warialda St., East Moree.
- W. T. Nickell, 1 Rex Ave., New Lambton.
- T. Rikus, C23 Vowels Rd., R.M.C. Duntroon, Canberra.
- G. H. Simpson, 19 Degnane St., West Tamworth.
- L. R. Williams, 35 Quarters, Royal Military College, Duntroon.

#### Victoria

- R. J. Abell, 87 Marshall St., Ivanhoe.
- S. J. Beaton, 101 McKinnon Rd., McKinnon, S.E.14.
- A. A. Bourne, "Barokke" Main Rd. Lower Plenty.
- K. G. Bricker, 261 Wood St., Preston, N.18.
- C. G. Broadhurst, 63 Church St., Geelong West.
- J. Clancy, Sefton Place, Camberwell.
- G. W. Cunningham, Armadale Rd., Sth. Grafton, N.S.W.
- R. J. Dally, 18 Valentine Ave., Horsham.
- W. J. Dennis, Marandee, Hexham.

## CONTEST CALENDAR

Compiled by the W.I.A. Federal Contest Committee.

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### R.S.G.B. PHONE CONTEST—

Bands: 21/28 Mc., Phone only.  
Dates: 23rd-24th November.  
Rules: As for 1956.

### ROSS HILL MEMORIAL—

Bands: 50-54 Mc., 50-60 Mc., 144-148 Mc., 238-296 Mc.  
Date: 1st December to 31st Jan.  
Rules: As published. Amendment: 50-54 Mc.

### B.E.R.U.—

Date: January, 1958.  
Rules: As for 1957.

- \*N. D. Dunn, 6 Sussex St., Blackburn.
- \*P. F. Fudge, 65 Elliott Ave., Carnegie.
- \*F. W. Haddrell, 13 Reid St., South Morang.
- \*K. J. Hartigan, Sidonia, via Kyneton.
- \*W. J. Hewitt, 25 Victoria Ave., Ballarat.
- \*F. E. Hobson, Devon North, via Yarram.
- \*J. Hudson, 46 Donald St., Highbury.
- A. E. King, 1 Bevan St., Balwyn.
- E. L. L. Kennedy, 412 Bell St., Ballarat.
- \*L. G. McCuskey, 13 Holloway St., Newport.
- G. J. McDonald, 41 Norman St., Wendouree.
- West Ballarat.
- K. J. D. Moore, 94 Middlesex Rd., Surrey Hills.
- \*C. P. O'Brien, Sgt's Mess, School of Wireless.
- \*M. A. Webb, 41 Porter St., Frazer.
- \*M. J. Owen, 466 Burke Rd., South Camberwell.
- \*C. W. Quirk, Burwood East P.O. Store, Burwood Rd., Burwood.
- M. A. Traill, 84 Argyle Rd., Kew, E.4.
- C. E. Thomas, 8 Graham Place, Box Hill, E.11.
- \*A. W. Webb, 41 Porter St., Frazer.
- H. A. Willis, 3 Westbourne Gr., Camberwell.
- \*M. W. Withers, 32 Devon St., Heidelberg.
- \*J. Zschech, Parkside, Hamilton.

#### Queensland

- E. A. Gardiner, 63 Svensson St., West Bundaberg.
- R. D. Grandison, Mt. Crosby.
- J. D. Griffin, 1 Aubrey St., Campbell, Brisbane.
- W. A. E. Flannery, 229 Gladstone Rd., Dutton.
- M. T. K. Power, 101 Wrls. Regs., Cabarlah Barracks, Cabarlah.
- L. L. Sharp, 219 Carl St., Thompson Estate, Brisbane.

#### South Australia

- \*L. A. Bull, 14 Harcourt Rd., Payneham.
- D. A. Carthew, C/o Station 5PA, Penola.
- A. A. Endeavour, 15 Holm Ave., Lower Mitcham.
- H. A. Fisher, 17th St., Renmark.
- R. C. Grivell, 16 Silver St., Clearview, Adelaide.
- B. A. Holleben, 26 Nelson St., Port Pirie.
- K. L. Metcalf, 69 Castle St., Edwardstown, Adelaide.
- R. A. C. Washington, 40 Swaine St., Rose Park, Adelaide.
- G. Wilde, 112 George St., Norwood.

#### Western Australia

- \*N. S. Gardiner, 24 Frederick St., Midland Junction, Tasmania.
- \*R. D. Summers, 365 St. Leonards Rd., St. Leonards.
- \*M. J. Watson, 68 Lochner St., Hobart.

## DO NOT FORGET!

The closing date for copy for the January issue is 2nd December.

## FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

Cards have recently come to hand from ST2AR for contacts made in 1953. It never pays to give up hope altogether.

Up to mid September, Chas. VKOAB had worked 186 countries. Apparently previous experience has been a factor in this fine effort.

Bob Cheesman (G3KDE), who operated VR3G during recent nuclear operations at Christmas Island (Pacific), advises that there are now no Hams left at the island. Bob QRT on 19th August while VR3E/F and H left a little earlier. VR3G ran 80 watts to a Globe Chief into 332 feet long wire. Rx was an AR88. Bob previously operated at SUMQ and SAITQ. He has confirmed all contacts made from Christmas Island.

AP2AQ advises that the correct address for the AP QSL Bureau is Box 4074, Karachi, Pakistan.

The S.A.R.L. (Johannesburg Branch) has taken the initiative in organising action against commercial stations encroaching into Ham bands. In a circular to other branches and member societies, it suggests ways and means—if concerted action is taken—to force the interlopers from our bands.

The S.S.A. states that during the past seven years since the W.A.S.M. award was introduced, over 1,800 certificates have been issued. They have received many commendations over the nature of the award, which is original and in the shape of a small table cloth. How-

ever, due to rising costs of manufacturing the award and to incur charges, they have been reluctantly compelled to increase the charge to 10 Swedish Crowns or its equivalent but NO in international reply coupons. The amended rules are available from the VK Awards Manager. Arrangements are solicited whereby claimants for the award can submit their confirmations to the VK Awards Manager for checking to avoid the long delay in posting the cards direct to the S.S.A.

Ray Jones, VK3RJ, Manager

## NEW SOUTH WALES

The general meeting of the New South Wales Division was held at Science House, Gloucester Street, on Friday, 27th Sept. Mr. Hans Ruckett, VK2AOU, who is known for his articles in "Amateur Radio" and his work on C.V.I., gave a very informative and interesting lecture on the necessity for selectivity in transmitters. Hans described various experiments he had made in checking harmonic content of different methods of coupling illustrating each method by drawing the different circuits and setting out in graph form the results of the tests made. At the conclusion of the lecture a discussion on the points in the lecture was led by Max 2OT and a hearty vote of thanks to Hans was moved by Maurice 2IV.

There were several points of interest arising from the formal business of the meeting, notice of motion, which had been given by Graham 2AGH, that the Wireless Institute of Australia should be represented at the International Telecommunication Union Conference to be held in 1958, was discussed and carried unanimously. Members speaking quoted the statements made by representatives of commercial interests over the last few years of the value the Amateur bands would be to them who was that they should be able to commercial interlopers are appearing on our frequency allocations. The feelings of all those who were at the meeting were expressed to ensure that a representative of the W.I.A. attend the Conference in order that our views along with other Amateur Societies are fully voiced.

It was noted with regret that Roy 2HO had, through personal reasons, found it necessary to resign his duties as Councilor of the Division and well known to you all, was co-opted by Council. Dave takes over all the responsibilities of the Divisional Station at Dural. To take over the duties of C.D.N. officer and attend the school at Macedon has become the responsibility of our Public Relations Officer, Bob 2ARG, whose appointment as Federal Councilor for N.S.W. was confirmed by the meeting.

The Chairman, Pierce 2APQ, gave an outline of discussions which had been held, on the desirability of obtaining a paid assistant to attend to the large volume of clerical work so that Council could devote more time to the work of the Division. It was noted that at the present time it is thought that the title of Paid Clerical Assistant would be the best, who would be required to carry out duties specified by Council under the guidance of the Hon. Secretary. The suggestion of a three-month trial period for the position was discussed and a motion that the period be extended until February was carried.

Members are advised that position has been filled and remuneration is an honorarium.

Another appointment was also confirmed. The position of Divisional Auditor has been accepted by Bill 2AWY, of Orange. Our thanks go to Bill for accepting the position.

The Divisional A.O.C.F. Classes will commence on 6th and 7th November, and will be

## SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of:—

Ex-VK6LA—John Jamieson.

# ANNUAL FIELD DAY N.S.W. DIVISION W.I.A.

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held in the Railway Institute rooms, Castle-  
reagh St. There will be a series of forty-six  
lectures which will be given by Leon Parr-  
Smith, 2AOJ. Full details will be given upon  
application to the Secretary, Box 1734, G.P.O.,  
Sydney.

The meeting also discussed action to be  
taken in regard to unfinancial members and  
it was decided to notify all who are unfinancial  
and take action in accordance with the Con-  
stitution.

The Divisional Field Day will be held at  
Gosford on Sunday, 17th November. The  
Gosford Sailing Club premises and adjoining  
Park. A full programme is being arranged—  
all the usual events, 7 Mc. scramble, 144 hid-  
den tx hunt, swap section, disposal gear, and  
events for the XYL, YL and harmonics. Reg-  
istration will be at 10 a.m. Come along to the  
Annual Field Day at the new location.

A successful Field Day was held at Black-  
alls Park by members of the Hunter Branch  
on 5th and 6th October. See the Hunter Branch  
notes for full report.

As these notes are being written much acti-  
vity is taking place tracking the Russian satel-  
lite's transmissions on 35.032 and 48.003 Mc.  
Among the stations heard comparing notes  
were 2ADT, 2VW, 2AGH, 2ARG, 2JR, 1AIL,  
2APP. No doubt there are many others and  
it is hoped detailed reports will be sent in  
to the Federal Secretary for compilation into  
a complete report from the Amateurs in Aus-  
tralia.

## HUNTER BRANCH

The Sept. meeting of the Hunter Branch was  
held at the usual location with 15 members in  
attendance. Lionel 2CS lectured on a g.d.o. and  
illustrated his points with a display of gear.  
Discussion followed on arrangements for the  
6th Blackalls Field Day and a committee meet-  
ing was arranged for Sept. 25 at 2XT's resi-  
dence to finalise matters.

Quite a few of the locals experienced the  
peculiar conditions when the Aurora Aus-  
tralis was at its peak on the night of Friday,  
13th. Our worthy President, Lionel 2CS, was  
right on the ball and is forwarding a report to  
the L.G.Y. people via VK2 Division Hq.

At Maitland, V.I. 2AKP has been in the  
news. Vic., who is Deputy Sheriff of that  
fair city, provided the communication in a  
mock "flood emergency" staged by the Hunter  
Civil Defence Organisation. Allowing the  
transmits on his beloved 10 mx band, Ernie  
2FF, the old "Fox Trot Papa," does not miss  
any doings on the other bands. Congrats to  
Vice-President Stewart 2ZDF, who made his  
debut on 144 Mc. with a DX QSO with Gos-  
ford. Billiards champ, Bill 2ZL, and his pupil  
Bob 2AQR, have been getting across the Tas-  
man in fine style on 40 mx phone.

Secretary Chas. 2ARV is chasing yet another  
DX award and seems certain to get it. This  
time it's for QSO with 30 stations in Virginia  
this year. All were pleased to hear former  
Branch member Bill ex-2MC, now YMC, call  
in on the 2AWX hook-up recently. Varley 2SF  
is another who has been running regular  
skeds to 2L on 7 Mc. phone. Hearty con-  
grats. to Bill Nichols, who recently got his ticket,  
and will be adding to the GRM soon. Ears  
were pricked when 2BZ's call sign was heard  
on 40 mx, but it was Jack 2ADT on the mike.  
He was staying with Dave during school holi-  
days and visited some of his old friends in  
cables. With spring in the air, our young  
blood, namely Rodney 2CN, can't spare much  
time for hamming. Lucky boy! Harry 2AFA  
had a spot of rx trouble, but received his  
90th and 100th citations confirmed and is now  
applying for his DX C.C. Treasurer Bill  
2XT will go to town on h.f. and h.v. when  
he gets new 70 ft. poles (complete with east-  
walk) erected. A recent visitor to local shacks  
was Harold 2AWH, who was installing v.h.f.  
gear in this area. Leo 2QB has been having a  
crack at the Ws on 20 mx phone in the early  
evening.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held  
at the University of Technology at Tighes Hall  
at 8 p.m. on 8th November. Listen for 2AWX,  
the official Hunter Branch Station, each Mon-  
day evening on or about 7050 Kc. at 2000 hrs.

## BLACKALLS FIELD DAY

The attendance at the 6th Hunter Branch  
Blackalls Field Day, held on 8th and 9th  
October, was over 100 persons comprising Ham  
s and their families, associates, visitors and the  
Radio Inspector.

Those present came from Brisbane, Kemp-  
sey, Muscul Creek, Singleton, Cessnock, Wyong,  
The Entrance, Gosford, Sydney, Tamworth and  
Newcastle.

The show opened on Saturday afternoon with  
beats of the Blindfold Tx Hunt (an event  
originated by the Hunter Branch). This was  
followed by a Hidden Tx Hunt on 144 Mc.  
commencing at 7 p.m. The tx was found by  
Ken 2ANU in 25 minutes, closely followed by

John 4FP with Neil Connors, associate, in 3rd  
place. Films were shown by Vice-President  
Stewart and the Saturday events concluded  
with a business discussion with the State Pres-  
ident, Perce 2APQ.

The Sunday events commenced with a 144  
Mc. Hidden Tx Hunt from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
The tx was hidden 6½ miles from the Black-  
alls Park and was found in 30 minutes by  
Geoff 2VU, in one hour 2 min. by Harold  
2AHA, and in one hour seven min. by John  
4FP. Following this was the 2W1 broadcast  
from 2AH's QTH and the 7 Mc. Scramble at  
11.30 a.m.

After lunch further heats of the Blindfold  
Tx Hunt were held including heats of the  
Ladies' Blindfold Hunt. The All-Band Scram-  
ble was then held and the activities closed  
with the presentation of prizes and the pre-  
sentation of a reading lamp to Pat Lobgar, the  
District Radio Inspector, who is being trans-  
ferred from the district.

The results of the Contests were as follows:  
Ladies' Blindfold Tx Hunt: Mrs. R. Bailey, 1st;  
Mrs. G. Sutherland, 2nd. 144 Mc. Hunt (Sat-  
urday): Ken 2ANU, 1st; John 4FP, 2nd. 144  
Mc. Hunt (Sunday): Geoff 2VU, 1st; Harold  
2AHA, 2nd. 7 Mc. Scramble: Harold 2AHA.



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The Hunter Branch Social Committee thanks Jim 2AMH for making his station available for SWT broadcast. Bill 2XT for providing accommodation at his lakeside QTH. Doug 2ADS for providing the hidden tx. Lionel 2CS for selecting the sites for the hidden tx. Les 2AOR for hiding the hidden tx. Nemo 2AMH for his help. In any way, the Committee extends their thanks.

## VICTORIA

By the time these notes are being read all the preliminaries leading up to the Annual State Convention to be held at Colac on 9th and 10th November should be about ready. The South Western Zone will be hoping for fine weather no doubt. Here's hoping they get their wish and the best of luck for a very successful Convention.

The night of the 2nd October was rather cold and an attendance at the general meeting on that night was below average. However, those who did attend were well rewarded as that was the night on which the new 3BG, presented an illustrated travelogue on his recent trip abroad. Roth has only recently returned and it was very interesting to hear and see slides of his events in the last three or four months old. As Roth explained his trip was for business purposes and naturally the theme was business in his lecture. But Roth is also a Ham and his observations in this direction were equally well covered for our benefit.

Actually his journey consisted of a trip around the world because after leaving Australia he visited the U.S.A., Great Britain, Europe, the Middle East and then home again to VK.

The slides did not cover the U.S.A. as the camera was not procured until reaching Gran. But Roth made up for any deficiency on this account by giving a brief resume of his travels throughout the world. His remarks of interest was a system he unearthed over there for catching rare DX. Various groups roster themselves for all night vigils, then, when the time comes, they select a number of key means of a very elaborate 2 mx alarm system. Some blokes sure get keen!

From there on we not only heard about the places visited, but were also shown slides of the scenery from the historic and educational point of view. Roth is to be congratulated on his very able photography and extremely interesting commentary. By means of the latter it was very easy to imagine oneself by the speaker's side at those far away places and I for one was with him at every stage of his travels.

The only trouble with talks such as these is that they whet your appetite for the real thing. Perhaps the Middle East would be a bit hot and arid for most, but the remainder would be very acceptable. Most remarks to take up on my next visit to this globe.

News is a bit hard to glean these days. Except for commercials, activity on the domestic bands is rather scarce of late and those who do operate don't seem to be particularly interested in institute matters or the "Golden Age Agreement". In a way the c.w. men do not assist from their side regarding the latter as they are seldom heard on these bands and not so terribly much on the DX bands for that matter either. It seems a pity that activity, generally, has dropped off to such an extent within VK as apart from keeping the radio organisation alive, this is usually where the newcomer looks for his early contacts. Nothing dampens the spirit of the Ham Radio more than fruitless searching for a QSO, and for the sake of the older and the newcomer (the backbone of the Institute) alike, what about the idea of regular local evening parties? There are always plenty on during "tests" so why can't we popularise other forms of activity likewise? Perhaps the days of real chewing, skits and round tables are out of date, but why can't we have regular times, properly organised, for other mutually interesting objects? Has anyone any ideas as to how to air on this subject? If so, let's have them and help to get things cracking.

Complaints of inactivity are also evident in other directions. For instance both the 80 mx and the hunt and the fox hunt are languishing for the want of support. These activities are arranged for the benefit of all interested

members and their continuance depends entirely upon your attendance and participation, so what about giving the organisers a little encouragement. These activities are particularly suited to the newcomer to Ham Radio and all are invited to attend.

This subject can probably be best rounded off by re-stating the old adage that "you only get out of a thing what you put into it." If you are not getting all that you expect out of Ham Radio then why not try putting something in? The method of approach is up to you but there are plenty of avenues as yet untouched. Don't leave things to the enthusiastic few. It's your organisation so protect your interests. Moral support will not do this for you.

Of interest to "slow morers" is the following message copied from ZKF by Don Bauch, of region five in the fire net.

"It is regretted that for technical reasons this broadcast will be discontinued after September, but it is hoped that the service will be available in the New Year."

New members admitted at the October meeting: Full Members—W. H. Kerr (3AKW), W. J. Ferren (3GF), Associates—E. Inglis, C. McClellan, S. G. Reid, M. S. Madden, D. E. Hosken.

## MIDLAND ZONE CONVENTION

These notes open with an apology for the absence of any last month, but, unfortunately, the Asian '80 caught up with your correspondent, amongst other things.

The long-awaited Zone Convention to establish a new zone in the Midlands and with very mild fan-fare of one trumpet softly blown by Neville 3ACN who put in a lot of time and energy towards the organisation of the Convention, with a disappointing result. However, those who did get along to Bendigo found the time passing very agreeably, and enjoyed themselves. Those present included: 3YS, 3WJ, 3DG, 3APJ, 3KO, 3AIM, 3ED, and 3ZAV. 3FO was present for a short time on Sunday afternoon. 3TG and 3ARS also made an appearance on Sunday and Neville has informed me that he was calling Pix 3ARS all week-end. Whether this is a compliment, or otherwise, doubtless depends on where you live. Having no wish to pick a fight, will remain strictly neutral.

Saturday night was spent at Neville's QTH where a film was screened, followed by supper. Peter Symonds and his wife, who were attended, in an unofficial capacity we are glad to say, as also did 3VV and 2AMK. The new R.I. displayed a transistor portable to the delight of all present.

On Sunday the group visited the local Telephone Exchange where interest was restricted to the apparatus and not the attendants.

On Sunday afternoon a tour of Bendigo mining sights under the able direction of Cyril Michelson was made and although the only free samples available were taken from the mullock heaps, the history of gold and the quantities of taking out of the district in the past must have made some of the vis-

itors wish they had been around when it was freely available.

Unfortunately, the small numbers present precluded any large scale activity or official business concerning the zone, but even so, a pleasant week-end was helped along by pleasant company and weather.

The R.D. Contest has been and gone with the most notable performance being displayed by Peter 3IZ, who worked stations all night and into the early morning. Feeling a little what tired he decided to have a refreshing bath, but promptly went to sleep in it for the rest of the afternoon. His score does not become the higher for VK's least he will have the honour of being the cleanest operator. 3FY aimed for 200 contacts, but was out set seconds out due to a recallant 807 which developed an internal short immediately prior to opening of the Contest. A hard lesson therefore is to check one's bottles beforehand, and not afterwards.

## WESTERN ZONE CONVENTION

We had an extra good Convention as 18 full members, six interested, and a number of YLs, XYLs, etc. totalling well over thirty had dinner at the hotel. It was a very successful gathering. Those present came from Serviceton, Berri, Wilkes, Binnu, and the Yalgham, Stawell and other places in this area.

The meeting decided to send two agenda items for the State Convention. The Scramble on 40 mx was won by Allan 3HL, of Callawadda, assisted by Keith 3AKP, of Stawell. The trophy for outstanding v.h.f. during the past year was won by Max 3ZCW.

Office-bearers for the coming year are: President, Bob 3ARM; Vice-Presidents, Trev. 3ATR and Herb. 3NN; Secretary and Treasurer, Bill 3ZCW.

After proceedings finished in Warracknabeal we all adjourned to Trev. 3ATV's place where he and his good XYL, Lynette, entertained us with afternoon tea. Some of the most fortunate were those who stay for tea. All were greatly impressed by Trev's transmitter, receiver and antenna set-up. The impressive antenna array consists of lattice work, masts etc. totalling well over thirty feet. The vee beams which originate from the main apex mast. This latter mast also carries the feeders for the selected divider. In view of this we will have to ask Trev. for a detailed description of his set-up as I am sure this information will be of great interest to all, especially those interested in working DX.

## EASTERN ZONE

Fine weather gave a good start to the monthly fox hunt which was held on 29th Sep. in Gordon 3TF's locality at Yinnar. The Hazelwood Plains proved to be unsatisfactory as the five hounds could follow the fox, Ian 3AAV and Gordon 3TF, by the cloud of dust from the gravel road. To overcome this last run was in the form of a hidden tx hunt, in which Ian became firmly bogged. This always seems to be a disadvantage.

David 3DY, Margaret and Stan 3ZAB were the winners for the day, making quite a few catches, with s.w.f.s. Ron and Allan from Moor second, and Geoff Orton third. Jack 3AIC and Terry were fourth and George 3ZKG and Ken Rogars from North Yalourn were last. Graham 3QZ and Ron 3FR followed the hounds in their car.

Stan, from Yarram, who was successful in passing his examination, is awaiting his call sign. Graham and his wife are now back from their holiday in the Pacific. Ian 3AAV and George 3ZKG have now moved into Moe, and are busily setting up their equipment again.

There will be no 2 mx fox hunt this month as it will be so close to the State Convention being held at Colac. Try and make the State Convention bring your hounds along to put on a great show.

Our next fox hunt will be held on the last Sunday in November at Moe, starting after 1 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

## SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

Most news this month is centred on the Geelong-Colac area. By the time this goes to press the State Convention will be ready at Colac where Chrs 3AXU, average DX, and are hard at work preparing for all and sundry. Gordon is back on 2 mx and by now should be working his 100th station. He was heard in Geelong and worked by 3AWZ, 3ZCW, and Jack 3SY is very keen on television, but in spite of this interest, conducted us over the local b.c. station and all had a most enjoyable evening.

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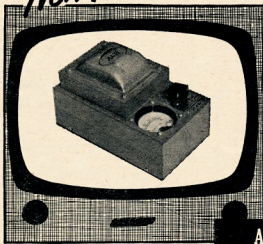
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The Mount Gambler boys are all going strong. Colin 5CJ sometimes on 40, but mostly on 2, Stewart SMS not heard often but grabs any DX that is about. Bram 5DZ is on 40, and does the gibber way twice changing the leg lengths of the vee beams, putting them up higher and erecting a tower—a lot of activity down his lead generally. Tom 5TV back after holidays and on the job whilst Erq 5KU doesn't appear on the bands over much, did the contest toss you Erq? David 5ZAM has knocked the Morse over and will be on with two-letter call soon, Don (Associate) has his h.e. ticket now congrats to him, now follow it up with a 2 and give cracking DX. 5WC.

Claude 5CH has himself a new tower which with beam atop will bring the DX that much closer and easier to work.

Ron 1J dropped in at an opportune time the other day, just as I was about to give the garden away, so over a cuppa we learned about the doings up the gibber way. 5WC. The boys here are still keen, even if depleted in numbers these days. Ron busy on mobile gear again now that the "bomb" is finished, in fact the said bomb now graduates to the classy car stage and if it is to sport a mobile rig it will really move up still further.

John 5BK and I were out today, this QTH recently, and an enjoyable evening was had by all—that is except poor DX, but then the bands were bad that night, except one contacted DX who was on 40, and I was tired of having a cold and his XYL having taken away his sure-fire cure, to whitt a supply of colds. Spoil sports even in KA land apparently.

Wal 5DF, whilst still busy on 50 cycles, manages to get on 40 now and then and also to come in on the 20m band. 5W. Pat 5AC Mack has his rx coming on well and may even out-do Wal yet. Pat 5LT was to have raised his cubical quad by the end of September, but poor weather on the day the muscles felt like it and good weather when they didn't, slowed the job down a bit, hope it's up now.

George 5GA and Norm 5YM not heard on these days, how come fellows? Even an occasional break will get you into the feeling again, to let 'em hear the voice.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

At the Divisional meeting on 17th Sept. the programme included a discussion and demonstration of the components of the "Electronic Component Design" by 6RU. Jim gave a very able and interesting description of the work, and this was recorded and broadcast on 20th Sept. on the following Sunday very successfully.

C.D.N. rules are being promulgated for the inauguration of C.D.N. in this State. It is in charge of the operations and with his experience in such matters, success is assured. Co-ordination is an essential, and once the network starts to function, an efficient emergency communication system will soon be built up.

As many towns in W.A. are dependent on one strand wire for contact with the city, Amateur Radio is the only alternate link for immediate emergency use. Quite a number of 40m and 80m bands indicated their willingness to co-operate, and where there are vital gaps that need filling, a special effort will be made to arrange Amateur participation to provide full coverage.

The 40 mX scramble took place on 22nd Sept. and from observations there must have been a number of contacts of VLF and 40m. An hour between 11 and 12 a.m. and another from 2 to 3 p.m. gave ample time for any station to make two contacts with each other and a further two days. Over 600 miles separated the northern from the southern QTHs. At the time of writing these notes, results of the scramble were not yet in, but the winner will receive the President's Trophy. Last year's winner was 6TH.

This year has been the first for many years that 6WJ has provided good coverage with the 40 mX band only, and as the winter conditions are now nearly over it should not now be too difficult to use 80 and 40 mX to cover the near and distant areas.

Short distance communication on 40 and 80 mX seems to have been little affected by the disappearance of the winter storms during the latter part of September. Signal strengths generally remained as usual, or perhaps a little better, and the radio conditions were on the more distant stations on these bands.

6AG and 6TL have given their 101 sets a face and a prod, and are very good portables. By adding EBE and Helms modulation 6FD was for many years on the Goldfields and recently took a few days off to visit the home of the radio and television hobbyists. 6E out! EBE also visited Kalgoorlie and was heard

working portable. 6MO is to move from Watpoo when the magnetic observatory is shifted to a location nearer Perth. City Hams should be in Moresby on the day.

We regret to record the death, during September, of an old timer, John Jamieson, of Kalgoorlie. Although John had not held a call sign for many years, the older members will remember him as the original holder of the call VK6LA.

## TASMANIA

### NORTH WEST ZONE

There is no doubt that we live in a rapidly advancing age. It is only a short time ago that television was heard in Moresby, it made its debut in Australia. Now, of course, we have been supplied with the artificial satellite: Hams throughout the world "stunned" over their receivers' own newspaper said, early in October listening to the emitted signal. I presume one would call the transmitter Air-borne Maclellie? In any case it's right out of this world!

Congrats to Len TLE and Bill TY for their efforts in the matter. Reback to more mundane things I guess. Our bi-monthly meeting was held at the home of our new Secretary, Max, at East Devonport. Max has already been a few times down on the bench. Receiver that is not intoxicating liquor. All he needs now is a tx to go with it. There is even a half wave doubt on 40 m. Terry Tongas, one of our new associates, brought along a transistored xtal set. Gives loud speaker volume with only 1½ volts on the plate, er, well, it works anyway, heard it.

## DO NOT FORGET!

The closing date for copy for the January issue is 22 December.

By this time our President, Sid TSF, had arrived, so the meeting commenced. The tape recorder which George Graves has been building for the last two years was produced to replay a lecture given in Hobart recently. Unfortunately, the tape recorder was not so severe on two or three occasions during the recording. Good work anyway, George, it worked well.

The meeting closed in harmony with the usual auction conducted by Ted TEJ. I understand Dennis TDR has at last acquired two masts. Forty-two feet high. Anybody with a spare helicopter to erect same? President Sid TSF heard on early in October. Did the satellite scare you, Sid? Leon 7YP paid a recent visit to Burnie on business and was entertained by yours truly at "Yard".

## PAPUA—NEW GUINEA

This month I would like to give a big welcome to Mrs. Ruth Donovan who will be the one and only VK9 Y. Ruth hopes to get her old call sign back. She is busy building a house at present so it will be a while before her rig is going to be ready. I would like to welcome an old timer, VK3BP. Bernie has been silent for some time but now he is back in Moresby he hopes to be here for some time and become a regular. I would like to be long before we hear you from your new QTH Bernie and all the best in DX. Doug TSF has gone QRT. He is moving to a new location and is dreaming of a WJKB antenna which he hopes to get out of the scrap heap. Norm NT is pushing so much power up the antenna that he is having trouble keeping power transformers up to it. How many have you blown up now Norm?

I would like to draw everybody's attention to the slow Morse transmission from VK9WV every Friday night at 8 p.m. This broadcast continues for one hour and can be heard on 3840 KC. Reports on this transmission will be welcome and should be addressed to the Secretary, Box 204, Port Moresby. Student members may have their names put in the list if they send it with a stamped self addressed envelope to the Secretary.

A letter was received from Y.E. reminding members that they can send guest editorials to "A.R." so if any members of this Division have a pet subject they would like to put forward, they would like to hear it. So what about it chaps?

Believe Frank 8FN was a very sick boy while crossing the Coral Sea, travelling on the Enkolo. I have thought you better than that than that Frank. A Christmas break-up dinner

will be held in the Boroko Hotel on 20th December and it is hoped to see a good roll up. If any of the members from New Guinea will be in Moresby on that date we would like to see you there, but please notify the Secretary so that a place can be reserved for you. A good night is assured with plenty of 807s, 866s, and more 813s, and the best part of the evening will be when the XVLA supply 88s as a desert.

The next meeting of the Division will be held on Thursday, 28th November at 4 p.m. in the R.S.L. Club Rooms, and it is hoped we will see a good roll up. Until next month best 73 and good DX.

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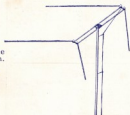
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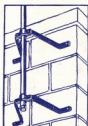
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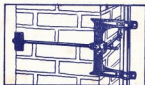


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